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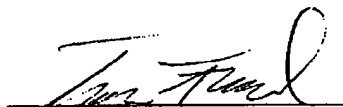
2. On page 17 of the specification, replace paragraph [49] beginning on line 1 and ending on line 4 with the following paragraph:

Although a preferred embodiment of the spacer has been described as having first and second bodies or chambers with a conical geometry, the spacer 10 can also be configured with elliptical bodies ~~16, 18 and chambers 116, 118 as shown in Fig. 18~~ or oblong bodies ~~16, 18 and chambers 116, 118 as shown in Fig. 19~~.

Amendment to the Drawings:

Figures 18 and 19 from the drawings are cancelled as indicated by the following annotated drawing sheets.

Respectfully submitted,



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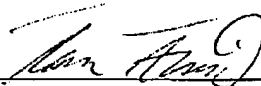
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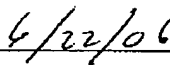
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